

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON AUGUST 21, 2023 AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 16 WALLKILL AVE., HAMBURG, NJ

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Krasnomowitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:

Deputy Clerk advised:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public and the press January 11, 2023 by delivering to the New Jersey Herald and the Sunday Herald and posting at the Municipal Building a copy of the "Annual Notice of Meetings" pursuant the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act".

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Krasnomowitz requested a roll call:

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| Councilmember Law | Councilmember Endres |
| Councilmember Burd | Councilmember Haig |
| Councilmember Sena | Councilmember Oehler |

Absent: None

Also Present: Attorney Clemack
Beth Martin, Deputy Clerk

MAYOR'S AGENDA:

Recreation Grant Discussion:

A motion made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to open the floor to CFO, Joe Brezina, to discuss the Recreation Grant.

CFO Brezina explained Engineer Ruschke proposed a total of \$130,000 to redo the tennis court area. CFO Brezina proposed using the \$50,000 from the recreation grant, and the remaining to come from both capital and the Open Space Fund, at \$40,000 from each.

Councilmember Haig and Councilmember Sena suggested shortening the fence height around the courts. The exact height of the fence will be discussed and determined at another meeting.

Councilmember Haig also suggested off-setting the fence to make it more appealing to the eye and to allow for easy maintenance around the courts. Councilmember Haig would like to include a sign in the landscaping. Mayor Krasnomowitz suggested to bring it to the engineer to include the changes to the fence for the bids.

A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler, to open to DPW Supervisor Alec Yanish.

DPW Supervisor stated the foundation which is there will be removed. He is in agreement with the extension of the fence to allow for easy maintenance and the changing in the fence height.

A motion was made by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Haig to move forward with the bid process. All were in favor.

Water Main Burst 6/1/2023 – damage to water main by Contractor J. Fletcher Creamer:

A Property Damage Release needs to be signed in order for the contractor to release the payment of

\$3698.46 to the Borough.

A motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to authorize the execution of release. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Sussex County Day is scheduled for Sunday September 17, 2023 at the Sussex County Fair Grounds from 12pm to 4pm. Councilmember Oehler explained there are two people from the Recreation Commission who are willing to sit for two of the four hours, so if anyone is available to sit the other two hours to let her know. This is also the rain date for Hamburg Day. In the case the rain date needs to be used, no one will be able to attend Sussex County Day.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Councilmember Haig motioned to open to DPW Supervisor Alec Yanish to discuss the two quotes received for the Lime Kiln Pump Street and the Bank Street Booster Control Panel.

DPW Supervisor explained the PLC and Comminutor is completely damaged and needs to be replaced after being damaged in a storm, and there is not a replacement available. The whole panel needs to be replaced. There are two quotes, one from TAM Enterprises and the other from North Jersey Pump & Controls. They both include a surge protector, to help prevent this from happening in the future.

A motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept the quote from TAM Enterprises at \$5825.00. All were in favor.

Bank Street Booster Station:

DPW Supervisor explained the Booster Control Panel is burnt up. He suggested purchasing the control panel through Reiner Pumps for a Usemco Control Panel, at \$16,775.00. He further advised he solicited for other quotes and there was no response. There were two quotes submitted for the installation part of the project. Hayenhjelm Electric Company, LLC. at \$7,434.00 and TAM Enterprises at \$9,500.00. The project will be funded through the Water/Sewer account.

A motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the Usemco proposal for \$16,775.00. All in favor.

A motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the Hayenhjelm Electric proposal of \$7,434.00.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Attorney Clemack will offer the following resolution to enter into executive session. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to enter Executive Session. All in favor.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg find it necessary to enter into executive session for the reasons hereafter cited:

1. Personnel – Police Department

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:14012(b) of the Open Public Meetings Act provided for matters of this nature to be discussed in closed session; and

WHEREAS, the minutes of the closed session be taken and made available to the Public upon conclusion of the matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council advises the public that formal action may be taken later this evening on the matters discussed in closed session or on other matters.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Burd to enter back into public session. All in favor.

APPOINTMENTS:

Sergeant Position:

A motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres to appoint Officer Kellenbach as Sergeant of Hamburg Police Department. All in favor.

Detective Position:

A motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to appoint Officer Descafano as Detective of Hamburg Police Department. All in favor.

Both of these appointments will take place starting August 22, 2023, with official swearing in to take place on September 6, 2023.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open the meeting to the public. All in favor.

There was no one who wished to speak at this time.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to close to the public. All in favor.

Councilmembers Haig and Sena discussed the River Bank area improvements. A quote to remove the trees, stump grinding, and cleaning up the area were received. Approximately eight (8) trees have to be removed. The Forestry Department is willing to help the Borough clean up this area. Councilmember Law questioned if the trees removed had to be replaced, per the ordinance. Attorney Clemack explained it should be fine, even if you replace with some smaller trees. Mayor Krasnomowitz expressed concerns about the metal pipe cover that is in the area. He also suggested putting a "Carry In, Carry Out" sign.

Councilmember Oehler mentioned, as a reminder, there is a Hamburg Day emergency evacuation planning meeting on Tuesday August 22, 2023 at 6pm. OEM, the Fire Department, and the Police Department are all invited to this meeting. On August 31, 2023, at 6pm, is a setting up meeting to figure out placement of vendors and activities for the day of Hamburg Day. DPW Supervisor will be in attendance of this meeting. This meeting will take place at the park.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Date Approved 9-6-23

Date Released 9-6-23



Beth Martin
Deputy Clerk